

REMARKS

Claims 9-13, 22 and 23 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has allowed claims 9-11, 22 and 23. The allowability of these claims is noted with appreciation. In the above amendments, claims 12-13 have been canceled without prejudice. In view of the foregoing amendments, and remarks that follow, Applicant requests favorable consideration and timely indication of allowance.

In the Office Action mailed 12/6/06, the Examiner rejected claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baker in view of Admitted Prior Art (APA) (paragraph 0010 of the specification).

Claims 12 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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